boration and 51 per cent foreign equity participation; and

(b) if so, what were the items included in the earlier list and what changes are proposed to be made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Under the new industrial Policy announced on July 24. 1991, 34 groups of industries are eligible for automatic approval of foreign technology agreements and for foreign equity participation upto 51 per cent. Subsequently, computer software was added to this list of industries. A detailed description of the various items covered by this list was issued under the Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System). A rationalisation of these items has now been done and a revised list has been issued on June 24, 1992. There has been no change in the groups of industries eligible for automatic approval of foreign technical collaboration or foreign equity participation.

Attack on Indians in Afghanistan

*35. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR.

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Indians (Hindu and Sikhs) residing in Afghantistan including diplomats are being tortured, killed and their valuables, properties etc. looted since the formation of the new Government in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to hold negotiations with Afghanistan Government to ensure safety of Indians residing there;

(d) if so, by when and the details of the steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(e) the number of Indians living in Afghanistan and the number of those who have fled from there since the formation of the new Government there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Government are aware that given the unsettled and disturbed conditions in Kabul, there have been some incidence of theft and lootings involving Indian nationals and personnel of our Embassy. No Indian national or diplomat has been tortured or killed.

Afghan nationals of Indian origin have also been the victims of such incidents. Government have confirmed reports of seven casualties among them.

(c) and (d) Government have already taken up this matter with the Afghan Government who have expressed their determination to take all possible steps to safeguard the lives and poroperty of Indians as well as of Afghan nationals of Indian origin.

(e) Of the 125 Indian nationals in Kabul, all but 18 have returned to India. The number of Afghan nationals of Indian origin is estimated to be around 30-40 thousand. Of these, since May, 1992, between 150-200 have been leaving Kabul for Delhi by air each week. Some others have also arrived by the land route.

Scheme for Revival of IDPL

*36. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited has submitted any rehabilitation scheme to revive the unit;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to produce essential and life-saving drugs through IDPL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited has, as a part of the proposal of Capital restructuring, furnished an Action Plan for Revival.